

Indian Labour Conference

564. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the reasons for not convening the sessions of the Indian Labour Conference during the last two years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : Certain changes in the composition of Employers' and Workers' groups at the Conference were considered necessary and had to be settled.

Celebration of Hanna Battle Honour Day by Dogra Regiment

565. SHRI J. S. ANAND : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Third Battalion of the Dogra Regiment celebrated recently the Hanna Battle Honour Day in the forward area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Hanna Battle Honour Day is being celebrated every year to commemorate their victory during the World War I; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for celebrating their victory in post Independence period ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Third Battalion of the Dogra Regiment celebrates Hanna Battle Honour Day on 'the 21st of January every year to commemorate their victory in the Battle of Sheik Saad and Hanna fought in Middle East on the 21st January, 1916, during World War I, in which the Unit displayed supreme gallantry. LIAISON Lalla of the Unit was awarded the Victoria Cross for performance or supreme order in that battle.

(d) Due to historical reason and as a matter of tradition the Services celebrate every year their memorable victories pertaining even to pre-Independence period.

The old Battle Honour Days of World Wars I and II being replaced by new Battle Honour Days in the case of those Units who have distinguished themselves in recent aggressions/conflicts after Independence.

West Bengal Government's request for Transformer Manufacturing Unit

566. SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN : SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 485 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1974 and state ;

(a) whether any other technical expert from outside was also associated with Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. in the matter of site selection if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any proposal from West Bengal Government to set up such a factory in that State in view of the availability of raw materials, like transport infra-structure and skilled labour; and

(c) what Government action have taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. Bharat Heavy Electricals holds a pre-eminent place in the manufacture of transformers in the country and has also considerable expertise in the setting up of factories in their lines of manufacture. Hence, they did not find it necessary to engage the services of any outside technical expert for selection of a site for the transformer factory.

(b) and (c) No proposal from the Government of West Bengal was received in the Ministry of Heavy Industry for the setting up of a transformer factory in that State.

Supply of Wagons to Yugoslavia

567. SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN :

SHRI K. P. CHETTRI :

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of steep price rise of steel, the cost of production of 3,600 wagons for the proposed supply to Yugoslavia has risen by more than 30 per cent; and